

For Six Month Period Ending 10/31/2007
(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No.
Burson-Marsteller 2469

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant
1110 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington DC 20006

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

- (a) If an individual:
- | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Residence address | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Citizenship | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Occupation | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
- (b) If an organization:
- | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| (1) Name | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Ownership or control | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Branch offices | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4 AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C¹, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

¹ The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date connection ended
Robert Tappan	Managing Director	September 2007

- (b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
Alejandro Cabrera	1545 18th Street, NW, #714 Washington, DC 20036	US	Managing Director	August 2007

5. (a) Has any person named in item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such person and describe his service.

Alejandro Cabrera - Media relations outreach.

- (b) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or connection	Date terminated
Theresa Rice	Director	August 2007
Natalie Saenz	Manager	August 2007
Robert Tappan	Managing Director	October 2007

- (c) During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
Please see Attachment				

6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(c) of the supplemental statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal

Date of termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal² during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and address of foreign principal

Date acquired

Abu Dhabi Investment Authority

June 5, 2007

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

Pakistan People's Party

Embassy of Colombia

Mexico Tourism Board

10. **EXHIBITS A AND B**

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 8 the following:

Exhibit A ³	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Exhibit B ⁴	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during the 6 month period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, please attach the required amendment.

² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a)(9).) A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

³ The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form CRM-157 (Formerly OBD-67), sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁴ The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form CRM-155 (Formerly OBD-65), sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

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11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

Pakistan People's Party - Provided updates and news on Pakistan by contacting media outlets and facilitating and attending meetings.

Embassy of Colombia - Engaged in communications activities regarding the passage of US-Colombia Free Trade Agreement, arranged media interviews, and facilitated events with Colombia officials.

Mexico Tourism Board - Engaged in communications activities regarding the promotion of tourism in Mexico; attended meetings and issued press releases re the same..

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates and places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

5 The term "political activities" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies⁶

Date	From whom	Purpose	Amount
Please see Attachments			

Total

(b) RECEIPTS – FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D⁸ to your registration? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____

(c) RECEIPTS – THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal	Date received	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. (See Rule 201(e).)

8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS – MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To whom	Purpose	Amount
Please see Attachments			

Total

(b) DISBURSEMENTS – THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS – POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political organization	Name of candidate
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^{10, 11} Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials ¹²?
 Yes ☒ No ☐

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

Pakistan People's Party - Please see Attachment

Mexico Tourism Board - Please see Attachments

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

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|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio or TV broadcasts | <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine or newspaper articles | <input type="checkbox"/> Motion picture films | <input type="checkbox"/> Letters or telegrams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising campaigns | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Press releases | <input type="checkbox"/> Pamphlets or other publications | <input type="checkbox"/> Lectures or speeches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ | | |

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Officials | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislators | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Editors | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational institutions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Civic groups or associations | <input type="checkbox"/> Nationality groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ | | |

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- ☒ English ☐ Other (specify) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes ☐ No ☒

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI – EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Type or print name under each signature¹³)

November 29, 2007



Shaun Ball
 Shaun Balkom, Managing Director
 Practice Business Manager
 US Public Affairs

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13 This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FARA REGISTRATION UNIT
National Security Division
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

NOTICE

Please answer the following questions and return this sheet in triplicate with your Supplemental Statement:

1. Is your answer to Item 16 of Section V (Informational Materials – page 8 of Form CRM-154, formerly Form OBD-64-Supplemental Statement):

YES X or NO _____

(If your answer to question 1 is "yes" do not answer question 2 of this form.)

2. Do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration:

YES X or NO _____

(If your answer to question 2 is "yes" please forward for our review copies of all material including: films, film catalogs, posters, brochures, press releases, etc. which you have disseminated during the past six months.)

Sharon H. Balkam 11/29/07
Signature Date

Sharon H. Balkam
Please type or print name of
Signatory on the line above

Managing Director,
^{Title}
Practice Business Manager
US Public Affairs

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U.S. Department of Justice

Criminal Division

Washington, DC 20530

THIS FORM IS TO BE AN OFFICIAL ATTACHMENT TO YOUR CURRENT SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT -
PLEASE EXECUTE IN TRIPLICATE

SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

SECTION A

The Department records list active short-form registration statements for the following persons of your organization filed on the date indicated by each name. If a person is not still functioning in the same capacity directly on behalf of the foreign principal, please show the date of termination.

Short Form List for Registrant: Burson-Marsteller

Last Name	First Name and Other Names	Registration Date	Termination Date	Role
Bedolla	Leon F.	05/25/2004		
Budgar	Lawrence George	05/26/2000		
Claes	Michael	07/21/1988		
Cortes	Rose Mary	05/25/2004		
DiBartolo	Christine Marie	05/13/2002		
Dorval	Christopher	10/05/2001		
Hamana	Harold	05/25/2004		
Harmon	Keith Eugene	05/01/2003		
Judice	Peter F.	08/25/2000		
Kazmier	Danielle	06/23/2003		
Kozakos	Panayiota	10/05/2001		
Shainman	Lawrence	11/12/2002		
Trahan	Scott	04/12/1996		
Veith	Craig G.	09/20/2001		
McCabe	Ian	10/23/2001		
Miller	Freeman	08/25/2000		
Murfin	Cecilia	05/25/2004		
Newton	Naomi	05/25/2004		
Norton	Jill Sloup	11/12/2002		
Olguin	Adhemir	05/25/2004		
Patzke	Kerry M.	05/13/2002		
Rice	Theresa	03/01/2004		
Rossbach	Laurie Andrews	04/13/2007		
Lake	James C.	03/23/2007		
Schnee	Leslie Elizabeth	03/23/2007		
Muir	Frederick M.	04/13/2007		
Pincus	Patricia K.	05/03/2007		
McKay	Barbara S.	07/23/2007		
Khetarpaul	Amit	04/13/2007		
Rodriguez	Paul M.	04/13/2007		
Samuelson	Taylor Sewell	05/03/2007		
Tappan	Robert	05/03/2007		
Staley	Joel C.	12/07/2005		
Clisby	Heather	06/30/2005		
Shelden	Sarah	06/30/2005		
Blankfeld	Keren	06/30/2005		
Saenz	Natalie	12/26/2006		
McMurray	Patricia	03/23/2007		

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Robert Tappan - Managing
September 2007 Director

Sabnis	Shona Vijay	04/13/2007
Aarthun	Stefanie	04/13/2007
Bussjaeger	Robert M.	02/01/1980
Rial	Dionne	12/26/2006
Grace	Neil D.	06/30/2005
Gerard	Ixta	12/26/2006



U.S. Department of Justice

National Security Division

Washington, DC 20530

SECTION B

In addition to those persons listed in Section A, list below all current employees rendering services directly on behalf of the foreign principals(s) who have not filed short-form registration statements. (Do not list clerks, secretaries, typists or employees in a similar or related capacity). If there is some question as to whether an employee has an obligation to file a short-form, please address a letter to the Registration Unit describing the activities and connection with the foreign principal.

Name	Function	Date Hired
None		

Signature: Shawn Saad Date: 11/29/07

Title: Managing Director
Practice Business Manager
US Public Affairs

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Attachment for Question 5c

<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Citizenship</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date Hired</u>
Alejandro Cabrera	1545 18 th Street, NW # 714 Washington DC 20036	US	Managing Director	August 2007
Melanie Roe	1300 13 th Street, NW #306 Washington DC 20005	US	Senior Associate	September 2007
Lara Franke	3830 9 th Street, NW # 109E Washington, DC 20007	US	Senior Associate	September 2007

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ATTACHMENT

14 (a). Receipts - Monies

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8 and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in interest of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? YES.

Pakistan People's Party

<u>Date</u>	<u>From Whom</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
14-May-07	Pakistan People's Party	Fees and Expenses	29,726.84
13-Aug-07	Pakistan People's Party	Fees and Expenses	31,809.26
27-Aug-07	Pakistan People's Party	Fees and Expenses	58,685.17

Attachment for Question 14a

Mexico Department of Tourism

Receipts	MEXI8314B	Receipts	MEXI9109B
FEE	6/11/2007	9,099.02	OOP 11/15/2007 2,758.53
FEE	5/30/2007	3,690.22	OOP 11/15/2007 2,688.98
OOP	6/6/2007	1,346.18	OOP 11/15/2007 5,846.10
OOP	6/6/2007	3,707.41	FEE 11/15/2007 42,479.97
FEE	6/6/2007	2,700.00	OOP 11/15/2007 3,535.60
OOP	6/6/2007	1,085.87	OOP 11/15/2007 3,202.08
FEE	6/6/2007	2,600.00	FEE 11/15/2007 12,106.62
FEE	6/6/2007	3,000.00	OOP 11/15/2007 1,347.67
OOP	6/6/2007	16,007.13	OOP 11/15/2007 3,997.81
OOP	6/13/2007	3,693.29	
OOP	6/13/2007	2,638.18	
FEE	6/13/2007	1,350.00	
FEE	6/13/2007	2,000.00	
FEE	6/13/2007	1,600.00	
FEE	6/13/2007	800	
OOP	6/13/2007	3,520.21	
OOP	6/13/2007	2,647.40	
OOP	6/13/2007	2,777.81	
FEE	6/29/2007	111,998.08	
FEE	6/30/2007	9,305.02	
OOP	7/20/2007	3256.76	
FEE	6/30/2007	18000.3	
OOP	6/29/2007	4828.75	
OOP	6/29/2007	615.06	
OOP	6/29/2007	2179.91	
FEE	6/29/2007	2000	
OOP	7/20/2007	5710.81	
OOP	7/20/2007	1570.09	
OOP	7/20/2007	1308.35	
FEE	7/20/2007	15735	
OOP	7/20/2007	4635.35	
OOP	7/20/2007	695.85	
OOP	7/20/2007	620.9	
OOP	8/7/2007	726.21	
FEE	7/20/2007	1324	
OOP	7/20/2007	677.79	
OOP	7/20/2007	694.2	
OOP	7/20/2007	3691.06	
FEE	7/20/2007	23067.95	
OOP	7/31/2007	296.2	
FEE	7/31/2007	9262.94	
FEE	7/31/2007	19193.99	
OOP	7/31/2007	796.61	
FEE	7/20/2007	3702.5	
FEE	7/20/2007	3702.5	
FEE	7/20/2007	8681.8	
FEE	7/31/2007	7050	
FEE	7/20/2007	111668.17	
OOP	7/20/2007	9276.69	
FEE	8/7/2007	3247.12	
FEE	7/20/2007	16383.02	
FEE	8/7/2007	23178.15	
FEE	8/7/2007	23178.15	
OOP	8/7/2007	1015.46	
FEE	8/7/2007	14900	
FEE	8/7/2007	31369.69	
FEE	8/7/2007	31369.69	
OOP	8/7/2007	3962.28	
OOP	8/7/2007	895.11	
FEE	8/13/2007	3186.25	
Total Receipts		603,220.48	77,963.36

Attachment to Question 14a

Embassy of Colombia

May 1st, 2007 - October 31st, 2007

Receipts

Client Number	Receipt Number	Payment Date	Invoice Number	Project Name	Amount
COLO	w00062668	25-Jul-07	118477	Embassy of Colombia	\$22,750.17 April
COLO	w0006253	9-Aug-07	121322	Embassy of Colombia	\$25,000.00 May
COLO	w0006253	9-Aug-07	121518	Embassy of Colombia	\$25,000.00 June
COLO	w00063554	28-Aug-07	123288	Embassy of Colombia	\$25,000.00 July
COLO	w00068962	26-Oct-07	124982	EMBASSY OF COLUMBIA	\$25,000.00 August
Total Collected					\$122,750.17

ATTACHMENT

15 (a). Disbursements - Monies

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? YES

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? NO

Pakistan People's Party

Postings for the Period: (5.01.07 -10.31.07)

Office Expenses:

Consultation Fee	712.50
Info Bank Services	586.16
Local Transportation	31.00
Reference Material	4.76
Telephone	22.46
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Grand Total	\$ 1,356.88

Attachment for Question 15a

Mexico Department of Tourism

Expenses	MEXI8314	MEXI9109B	TOTAL
AIR FREIGHT	1,405.80	865.69	2,271.49
AIRFARE/RAILFARE	28,678.51	2,595.69	31,274.20
AUDIO EDITING/RECORDING	140.00	0.00	140.00
AUDIO VIDEO MONITORING		0.00	-
AUTO RENTAL		0.00	-
AV EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES		0.00	-
BM INTERNATIONAL		0.00	-
BUSINESS MEALS	115.59	0.00	115.59
CATERING	3,071.23	0.00	3,071.23
CLIPPING SERVICE	1,520.52	271.10	1,791.62
COMPUTER SOFTWARE & SUPPLIES		0.00	-
CONSULTATION FEES	45,735.74	9,254.94	54,990.68
COURRIER/MESSENGER	240.10	139.80	379.90
ENTERTAINMENT	13,498.39	2,758.53	16,256.92
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	892.10	446.05	1,338.15
EVENTS ELEMENTS	12,208.53	0.00	12,208.53
FULFILLMENT		0.00	-
GIFTS	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
HONORARIUM		0.00	-
ILUSTRATION AND DESIGN	1,480.00	0.00	1,480.00
LEGAL SERVICES		1,618.44	1,618.44
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	1,647.44	0.00	1,647.44
LODGING	3,001.29	0.00	3,001.29
MEALS	12,312.16	1,298.90	13,611.06
MEDIA MONITORING	4,185.84	2,688.98	6,874.82
MEDIA PLACEMENTS		0.00	-
MILEAGE		0.00	-
MISCELLANEOUS	36,364.53	485.68	36,850.21
OVERTIME MEALS		0.00	-
PACKAGING & MAILINGS		0.00	-
PHOTOCOPIES	53.80	16.60	70.40
PHOTOCOPIES - COLOR	561.00	65.00	626.00
PRODUCTION		0.00	-
POSTAGE & SHIPPING	0.41	0.00	0.41
PROFESSIONAL DUES	8,575.00	0.00	8,575.00
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	241,033.22	102,183.49	343,216.71
PROMOTIONS		0.00	-
REFERENCE MATERIAL		0.00	-
REGISTRATION FEES	193.40	0.00	193.40
RELOCATION EXPENSES		0.00	-
REPRODUCTION		0.00	-
SUBSCRIPTIONS	22.82	0.00	22.82
STATIONARY AND SUPPLIES	3,018.26	999.00	4,017.26
STOCK FOOTAGE/PHOTOS		0.00	-
TELEPHONE	653.78	1.86	655.64
TELEPHONE - LONG DISTANC	427.25	0.00	427.25
TELEPHONE - FAX	18.71	0.00	18.71
TRAINING & MEETING	821.37	0.00	821.37
TRANSLATION	16,007.13		
TRAVEL EXPENSES	40.00		40.00
VIDEOTAPE PRODUCTION	296.20		296.20
WIRE MEDIA SERVICES			-
Total Expenses	440,220.12	125,689.75	549,902.74

Attachment to Question 15a

Out of Pocket Expenses

Project	Name	Date	Exp Type	Comment	Amount
COLO8718B	FEDERAL EXPRESS	23-Apr-07	Air Freight	NY-8-815-54804	\$7.72
COLO8718B	FEDERAL EXPRESS	12-Jun-07	Air Freight	DC- # 8-096-69262	\$18.53
COLO8718B	FEDERAL EXPRESS	17-Jul-07	Air Freight	DC	\$18.94
		Sub-Total	Air Freight		\$45.19
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	5-Jun-07	Airfare/Railfare	R/T Air + Service fee DCA to LGA	\$308.30
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	8-Jun-07	Airfare/Railfare	return DC-NY flight for Colombia is Passion event	\$278.30
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	8-Jun-07	Airfare/Railfare	return DC-NY flight for Colombia is Passion event for Pat	\$278.30
COLO8718B	POLANCO, PAOLA FRAI	20-Jul-07	Airfare/Railfare	Airline change fee to stay in DC for media relations supp	\$50.00
		Sub-Total	Airfare/Railfare		\$914.90
COLO8718B	BM COLUMBIA	20-Jun-07	BM International	IWO#NYCI-74BU55 - CURRENCY: USD	\$1,500.00
		Sub-Total	BM International		\$1,500.00
COLO9361B	CABRERA, ALEJANDRC	4-Oct-07	Business Meals	Polling and print ad discussion with Silvia Constain	\$247.90
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	23-May-07	Business Meals	Meeting debrief w/T.Samuelson & P.Pincus	\$73.60
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	8-Jun-07	Business Meals	Dinner, T.Samuelson & P.Pincus	\$97.17
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	8-Jun-07	Business Meals	Lunch/T.Samuelson & P.Pincus	\$68.44
COLO8718B	KEENE, RUSSELL	31-Jul-07	Business Meals	Hosted Colombian Trade Minister in Austin / Banquet fac	\$819.52
		Sub-Total	Business Meals		\$1,306.63
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	8-Jun-07	Entertainment	Drinks while in NYC, T.Samuelson & P.Pincus	\$60.02
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	8-Jun-07	Entertainment	rooftop bar food and drinks with Rob Tappan and Patricia	\$97.62
		Sub-Total	Entertainment		\$157.64
COLO9361B		19-Oct-07	Info Bank Services	PG 1	\$2.95
COLO8718B		15-Jun-07	Info Bank Services	PG 1	\$20.65
COLO8718B		22-Jun-07	Info Bank Services	PG 1	\$29.50
COLO8718B		6-Jul-07	Info Bank Services	PG 2	\$14.75
COLO8718B		27-Jul-07	Info Bank Services	PG 2	\$2.95
		Sub-Total	Info Bank Services		\$70.80
COLO9361B	DAVIS & GILBERT	25-May-07	Legal Services	NY	\$1,160.72
COLO9361B	DAVIS & GILBERT	28-Jun-07	Legal Services	CH	\$421.88
		Sub-Total	Legal Services		\$1,582.60
COLO9361B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	20-Aug-07	Local Transportation	R/T Taxi (3) to Embassy Meeting w/Ambassador	\$31.00
COLO9361B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	28-Aug-07	Local Transportation	Parking for Conf Call at Citigroup HQ	\$14.00
COLO9361B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	9-Sep-07	Local Transportation	taxi from bm to embassy	\$15.00

COLO9361B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	9-Sep-07	Local Transportation	taxi from embassy to BM	\$15.00
COLO9361B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	16-Oct-07	Local Transportation	taxi to and from colombian embassy	\$12.00
COLO9361B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	16-Oct-07	Local Transportation	taxi to and from colombian embassy	\$12.00
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	2-Apr-07	Local Transportation	Taxi to Mtw Peter Madigan	\$8.00
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	17-Apr-07	Local Transportation	R/T Taxi for 3 to Colombia Embassy, T.Samuelson, P.Pir	\$36.00
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	23-Apr-07	Local Transportation	Taxi from Colombia Embassy	\$18.00
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	23-Apr-07	Local Transportation	Taxi to Colombia Embassy	\$15.00
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	25-Apr-07	Local Transportation	taxi from BM to Hill	\$10.00
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	25-Apr-07	Local Transportation	taxi from hill to BM	\$10.00
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	10-May-07	Local Transportation	R/T Taxi to Colombian Embassy for (3)	\$28.00
COLO8718B	PINCUS, PATRICIA	10-May-07	Local Transportation	TAXI TO MEETING AT EMBASSY	\$12.00
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	14-May-07	Local Transportation	R/T Taxi to Colombian Embassy (3 passengers)	\$28.00
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	14-May-07	Local Transportation	taxi from colombian emb to BM	\$10.00
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	16-May-07	Local Transportation	taxi BM to Colombian Emb	\$12.00
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	16-May-07	Local Transportation	taxi from Colombian Emb to BM	\$12.00
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	22-May-07	Local Transportation	R/T taxi to Colombia Embassy	\$20.00
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	23-May-07	Local Transportation	R/T taxi to Colombia Embassy meeting	\$20.00
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	1-Jun-07	Local Transportation	R/T taxi to USTR Meeting for Colombian Embassy	\$20.00
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	7-Jun-07	Local Transportation	Taxi to Colombia Embassy for meeting	\$13.00
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	8-Jun-07	Local Transportation	taxi from home to DCA	\$25.00
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	8-Jun-07	Local Transportation	taxi in NY for Colombian Emb	\$5.00
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	8-Jun-07	Local Transportation	Taxi in NYC to Meeting	\$13.00
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	9-Jun-07	Local Transportation	taxi from DCA to home	\$25.00
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	9-Jun-07	Local Transportation	Overnight Parking at DCA	\$34.00
COLO8718B	PARK WEST EXECUTIV	10-Jun-07	Local Transportation	NY ROBERT TAPPEN/VOUCHER#7654580	\$71.40
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	11-Jun-07	Local Transportation	taxi from BM to Colombian emb	\$16.00
COLO8718B	PARK WEST EXECUTIV	17-Jun-07	Local Transportation	NY	\$79.18
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	18-Jun-07	Local Transportation	taxi between bm and Colombian Embassy	\$12.00
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	18-Jun-07	Local Transportation	taxi from colombian embassy to BM	\$12.00
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	19-Jun-07	Local Transportation	R/T Taxi to Colombia Embassay w/T.Samuelson & P.Pinc	\$29.00
COLO8718B	PINCUS, PATRICIA	23-Jun-07	Local Transportation	CAB HOME FROM RECEPTION WITH COLOMBIAN VP	\$13.00
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	28-Jun-07	Local Transportation	taxi between bm and Colombian Embassy	\$13.00
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	28-Jun-07	Local Transportation	Taxi to Embassy for Meeting	\$13.00
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	28-Jun-07	Local Transportation	taxi between bm and Colombian Embassy	\$13.00
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	5-Jul-07	Local Transportation	taxi to and from colombian embassy	\$23.00
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	6-Jul-07	Local Transportation	taxi between bm and Colombian Embassy	\$12.00
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	6-Jul-07	Local Transportation	taxi between bm and Colombian Embassy	\$12.00
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	9-Jul-07	Local Transportation	Taxi to Colombia Embassy	\$14.00
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	16-Jul-07	Local Transportation	R/T Taxi to Colombia Embassy (T.Samuelson)	\$28.00
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	16-Jul-07	Local Transportation	taxi between bm and Colombian Embassy	\$15.00
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	16-Jul-07	Local Transportation	taxi between bm and Colombian Embassy	\$15.00
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	20-Jul-07	Local Transportation	taxi between bm and Colombian Embassy	\$15.00
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	20-Jul-07	Local Transportation	taxi between bm and Colombian Embassy	\$15.00
COLO8718B	POLANCO, PAOLA FRAI	25-Jul-07	Local Transportation	Taxi from MIA airport to home	\$50.00

COLO8718B	POLANCO, PAOLA FRAI	25-Jul-07	Local Transportation	Taxi from home to DCA	\$50.00
COLO8718B	PINCUS, PATRICIA	25-Jul-07	Local Transportation	TAXI TO COLOMBIA FOR TEAM MEETING	\$13.00
COLO8718B	KEENE, RUSSELL	31-Jul-07	Local Transportation	Parking for guests at Colombian Trade Minister Banquet	\$45.00
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	3-Aug-07	Local Transportation	taxi from colombian embassy to BM	\$14.00
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	3-Aug-07	Local Transportation	taxi from BM to colombian embassy	\$14.00
		Sub-Total	Local Transportation		\$1,079.58
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	8-Jun-07	Lodging	Hotel for Colombia is Passion event for T Samuelson	\$301.68
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	8-Jun-07	Lodging	Hotel for Colombia is Passion event for P Pincus	\$301.68
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	9-Jun-07	Lodging	Overnight stay in NYC	\$301.68
		Sub-Total	Lodging		\$905.04
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	9-Jun-07	Meals	Meal in room at Library Hotel	\$22.86
COLO8718B	TAPPAN, ROBERT	9-Jun-07	Meals	Breakfast	\$39.00
		Sub-Total	Meals		\$61.86
COLO8718B	PR NEWSWIRE ASSOC	7-May-07	Media Placements	PR NEWSWIRE RELEASE	\$865.00
		Sub-Total	Media Placements		\$865.00
COLO8718B	POLANCO, PAOLA FRAI	22-Jul-07	Mileage	Drive to and from Torpedo Pier for o-site media relations	\$21.74
		Sub-Total	Mileage		\$21.74
COLO8718B	POLANCO, PAOLA FRAI	22-Jul-07	Miscellaneous	Parking garage fee for on-site media relations support	\$10.00
		Sub-Total	Miscellaneous		\$10.00
COLO9361B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	9-Sep-07	Registration Fees	reception for the Colombian Ambassador	\$40.00
COLO8718B	FARA REG UNIT DEPT C	18-Apr-07	Registration Fees	NY	\$305.00
		Sub-Total	Registration Fees		\$345.00
COLO9361B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	26-Sep-07	Stationery & Supplies	printing New Colombia Doc for use at UN general assem	\$175.25
COLO8718B	MENDOZA, PATRICK	25-Jul-07	Stationery & Supplies	Materials for Colombian Trade Minister Lunch	\$33.31
		Sub-Total	Stationery & Supplies		\$208.56
COLO9361B	XPEDITE SYSTEMS, LLC	30-Sep-07	Telephone	BKSH- # 0710723591	\$653.51
COLO9361B	AT&T	1-Oct-07	Telephone	DC- # 00109104-00012	\$4.63
COLO8718B	XPEDITE SYSTEMS, LLC	30-Apr-07	Telephone	BKSH- # 0705723591	\$642.69
COLO8718B	AT&T	1-May-07	Telephone	NY	\$18.41
COLO8718B	AT&T	1-May-07	Telephone	NY	\$17.32
COLO8718B	AT&T	1-May-07	Telephone	NY	\$21.76
COLO8718B	XPEDITE SYSTEMS, LLC	31-May-07	Telephone	BKSH- # 0706723591	\$274.95
COLO8718B	XPEDITE SYSTEMS, LLC	31-Jul-07	Telephone	BKSH	\$160.74
		Sub-Total	Telephone		\$1,794.01
COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	8-Jun-07	Travel Expenses	fee for booking travel for T Samuelson	\$30.00

COLO8718B	SAMUELSON, TAYLOR	8-Jun-07	Travel Expenses	fee for booking travel for P Pincus	\$30.00
	Sub-Total		Travel Expenses		\$60.00
Total out of pocket expense					\$10,928.55

The PPP Welcomes the Steps toward Transition to Democracy

Islamabad, October 9, 2007 - The Pakistan People's Party (PPP) welcomes the steps taken by the regime toward democracy. As part of the National Reconciliation Ordinance and broad package of political reforms recently agreed to by General Musharraf, the following democratic changes have been enacted into law or publicly committed to by the government:

- 1) A public agreement by General Musharraf before the Supreme Court of Pakistan to resign his position as Chief of Army Staff and only then to take his oath of office as President, if he should be reelected, as a civilian;
- 2) The implementation of electoral reforms that have long been demanded by political parties and civil society groups to prevent rigging and vote - counting fraud in the coming federal and provincial elections;
- 3) The creation of a Parliamentary Committee on Ethics that will monitor and prevent intimidation of National Assembly and Provincial Assemblies Members by the government. This Committee will prevent any future coercive threats made by the government -- coercing Members to cross party lines under the threat of imprisonment on trumped up political charges - as had occurred in the Assembly elections of 2002. Members of this Committee will be chosen on the recommendation of the Leader of the House and Leader of the Opposition, with equal representation from both sides, which is recognition of the role of the Opposition in democratic governance; and
- 4) An agreement by the regime to end the harassment campaign against Parliamentarians of all political parties. Specifically, the regime has committed to drop unproven charges against any Parliamentarian who have been falsely accused — due to the government's own admission in the Ordinance of Reconciliation that these charges were part of a political vendetta — and against whom the charges remain unproven. This provision applies to Parliamentarians of all major political parties, including those from the PML (N) led by Mr. Nawaz Sharif.

“This package benefits all political parties and Parliamentarians and is in the wider interest of the nation. If Mohtarma Bhutto wanted to secure a favorable arrangement for herself, she had the opportunity to do so eight years back — without undergoing the personal agony of exile; of having her husband imprisoned for over eight years (on still unproven charges); and of a spy war against her family. But, she refused to acquiesce to the forces of dictatorship” said Senator Farhatullah Babar, spokesperson for the PPP. “The Party has always upheld its democratic principles during its dialogue with the regime and continues to do so now.”

The PPP believes that the transition to democracy, which begins with this National Reconciliation Ordinance, will take place in a phased manner. “While some critical steps have already been taken toward a civilian government and the shedding of military uniform, the steps on electoral and Parliamentary reforms are still being finalized and we hope that the regime will now follow through on these commitments,” Mr. Babar added.

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MEXICO CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRIDA KAHLO'S BIRTH

Commemorating the life and legacy of the artist with special events

MEXICO CITY, June 5, 2007— July 6th marks the 100th birthday of Frida Kahlo, the acclaimed artist and feminist icon born in Mexico City in 1907. To commemorate her 100th birthday and legacy, Mexico City is hosting several important events in her honor including an exhibition at Casa Azul, the house Kahlo grew up in, and a retrospective of her artwork in Mexico City.

The retrospective will be taking place in the Fine Arts Palace in Mexico City and will be the largest comprehensive exhibit of Kahlo's work ever. The most recent international exhibition took place two years ago in London and compiled 87 pieces of her work. The Fine Arts Palace exhibition, however, will display 354 pieces of her works on loan from Detroit, Miami, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Nayoga, Japan. The exhibit, slated to open on June 13 until August 19, will have one-third of her artistic production, manuscripts and 50 letters that have not been previously displayed.

"Frida Kahlo is essential to our Mexican culture and art history," commented Francisco Lopez Mena, CEO of the Mexico Tourism Board. "Her legacy is carried on worldwide and people from all over the world journey to Mexico to see her work and where she lived," added Lopez Mena.

Every year thousands of visitors flock to the city to see her artwork and experience firsthand where she lived. For instance Tia Stephanie Tours, based out of Michigan, will be offering a special "Frida Kahlo Anniversary Tour" in Mexico City from August 10 – 17. This special itinerary includes visits to the National Museum of Anthropology, the *chinampas* or Floating Gardens of Xochimilco, a day trip to Puebla and Cholula to see the majolica style Talavera tile and a performance of the Ballet Folklorico. There will also be guided tours of the great murals of Mexican artists Rivera, Orozco, and Siquieros, and dining at some of Mexico City's top-rated restaurants and eateries.

Also during the month of August, the Casa Azul, located in the southern Mexico City neighborhood of Coyoacan, and now the Frida Kahlo Museum, will be holding a special exhibit of letters from Diego and a collection of wardrobe items recently found at Casa Azul. Anthropologist and curator, Marta Turok will discuss the importance of indigenous dress in cultural diversity and heritage. For more information on the tour, please go to www.tiastephanietours.com.

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In May of last year, Frida Kahlo's *Roots* painting made history at a Sotheby's auction. The painting was sold for US\$5,616,000, the highest amount ever paid for a Latin American work of art at an auction. *Roots*, 1943, oil on metal, one of the most beautifully detailed works from Kahlo's most celebrated period, had never before appeared on the public market.

The celebrated painter depicted the indigenous Mexican culture in her work by combining surrealism, symbolism and realism, was married to Mexican muralist painter, Diego Rivera, and was an active communist who had a torrid affair with Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik revolutionary and Marxist theorist.

Kahlo's unique and highly personal artistic expression was largely derived in part from a tragic bus/trolley accident she was involved in and her subsequent physical and mental pain; along with the anguish of her inability to have children. Her tumultuous marriage to Diego Rivera and her overtly bisexual gender also influenced her work.

Kahlo was also known for her extravagant display of rich and colorful indigenous clothing from regions throughout Mexico. She embraced and honored the cultural heritage of her native Mexico by wearing the regional dress from Oaxaca, such as Tehuantepec and Amusgo.

In the last three decades Kahlo has gained admiration from around the world, which resulted in the 2002 movie about her life starring Salma Hayek, which helped to ignite an even stronger interest in the life and work of the artist.

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About Chichen-Itza, the World Wonder

Swiss-based New7Wonders Foundation is revising the original seven ancient wonders of the world, and Mexico's Chichen-Itza in Yucatan State is one of 21 finalists to become a new Seven World Wonder. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1998, Chichen-Itza is considered to have been one of the greatest Mayan centers of the Yucatan peninsula, and today is one of the largest and most impressive archaeological sites in Mexico. To vote for Chichen-Itza as one of the new Seven World Wonders, visit www.new7wonders.com.

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AIR CANADA VACATIONS CONTINUES TO SPREAD WINGS OVER MEXICO

***Expanded schedules and new non-stop routes mark response to rising demand
for service to Mexico destinations***

VANCOUVER, July 24, 2007— Propelled by an increased demand for flights to Mexico, Air Canada Vacations is now accommodating more flights to Mexican destinations. Canadians will now enjoy more flight options to Mexico thanks to the new year-round service from Vancouver International Airport (YVR) to Puerto Vallarta International Airport (PVR) on Air Canada charter flights.

Starting this summer, Air Canada Vacations has increased its program offering year-round, non-stop flights departing from Vancouver on Sundays with a convenient departure of Sundays at 11:25 a.m. and returning from Puerto Vallarta at 5:25 p.m., giving travellers a full day before flying home. In November, the flights will switch the departures to Saturdays with similar flight times.

Also, travellers from Western Canada will be able to enjoy new non-stop flights from Vancouver to destinations such as Cancun, Riviera Maya, Los Cabos and Ixtapa Zihuatanejo starting in late November of this year.

"The demand for more flights to Mexico has increased over the past couple of years as Mexico continues to be the preferred international destination for Canadians," said Daniel Gutierrez, director for the Mexico Tourism Board office in Vancouver. "These new services of flights and non-stop routes will offer Canadians more options to experience the great vacation value that Mexico offers," added Gutierrez.

According to Statistics Canada (www.statcan.ca), Canada's official source for social and economic statistics, Canadians made of Mexico their favorite overseas destination in 2006, surpassing destinations such as United Kingdom as the most visited country after the United States. According to a recent report, Canadians traveled in record numbers at an estimated 842,000 overnight visits to Mexico in 2006, up 6.0% from 2005.

Based on recent information from Mexico's Migration Integral System (SIOM), the top Mexican destinations with the most arrivals reported by Canadians included Cancun and Riviera Maya, Puerto Vallarta, Los Cabos, Mexico City and Mazatlan. For the past few years, Mexico has steadily remained among Canada's top overseas destination of choice.

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Luxury Buses: Traveling in Style Across Mexico

Comfort, affordability, frequency and style defines this mode of transportation

MEXICO CITY, May 7, 2007 — Ever wanted to experience a country by taking a good, old-fashioned road trip in lieu of flying? Prefer to lounge in a giant seat with a large plasma screen in front of you, instead of a cramped airplane seat? If you want to travel in style and with up-to-the-minute amenities, today's bus travel in Mexico has it all.

Mexico's *autobuses de lujo* or luxury buses are considered a step above "first class" and offer a new, cushy alternative to domestic flights within Mexico. There are some companies that conveniently offer departure from U.S. cities. For instance, one bus company, Omnibus de Mexico (<http://www.odm.com.mx/>) offers departures from Dallas.

The luxury bus amenities include large, clean bathrooms, sometimes with separate men's and women's stalls, plush seats with foot rests and expansive recline capabilities and plasma screen televisions, which show movies throughout the ride. Some buses offer a service with an attendant circulating every half-hour with soda, water or coffee.

Many trips are non-stop and fares are incredibly reasonable. For instance, a trip from Mexico City to Acapulco, running for approximately five hours, can cost \$70 round-trip. Reservations and ticket purchasing can even be done online, with a few hours in advance, and most credit cards are accepted.

Some of the bus lines such as Enlaces Terrestres Nacionales (ETN) even offer frequent-rider programs, an extra incentive to ride Mexico's highways. This all-luxury bus has only 24 seats and thick curtains to block the ubiquitous Mexican sun.

Besides the many pampering comforts, another advantage of these high-end buses is the smooth ride. Drivers are limited to a speed of 95 kilometers per hour (57 mph), with a flashing buzzer signalling when the speed limit is exceeded. Mexico, unlike many other Latin American countries, is covered with toll roads with multiple lanes, smooth curves and lots of straight paved roads.

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LUXURY BUS: ANOTHER GREAT WAY TO TRAVEL ACROSS MEXICO

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Getting aboard

Mexico City, as the country's transportation hub, has four major bus terminals, one each for east, west, north and south, for lines servicing specific states or regions. It's different in each city, for instance, Cancun has service from the airport to downtown. Acapulco offers several stations for different classes of service.

Travelers need to know the departing station and the arrival station. Conveniently, first-class bus lines have web sites to check the destination of choice and to reserve tickets, and although some sites are in Spanish, they are simple enough to follow or with the help of a pocket dictionary.

Below is a listing of a variety of bus lines operating in the U.S. or within Mexico:

- Grupo ADO, www.ado.com.mx, serves numerous southern destinations from Mexico City. Offers a toll-free U.S. number: 800-950-0287.
- Enlaces Terrestres Nacionales, www.etn.com.mx, operates mostly in northern and central Mexico. It offers departures from Texas cities such as Dallas.
- Estrella de Oro, www.estrelladeoro.com.mx, serves destinations from Mexico City, including Cuernavaca, Taxco, Acapulco and Ixtapa. Diamante is the luxury service.
- White Star Group, www.estrellablanca.com.mx, has northern departures (Ciudad Juárez) and travels to central Mexico. Ejecutivo is its luxury class.
- Red Star, www.estrellaroja.com.mx, travels every 40 minutes from Mexico City to Puebla. Pullman Plus is its luxury service.
- Primera Plus, www.flecha-amarilla.com, has destinations in the north and along the Pacific Coast.
- Autobuses Americanos, www.autobusesamericanos.com.mx, serves several locations in the west and center of the U.S. and connect to a number of destinations as far south as Mexico City.
- Autobuses San Luis, www.autobusessanluis.net, connects Austin and other locations in Texas to a number of cities in Mexico including San Luis Potosí, Querétaro, Celaya and Morelia.
- Autotransportes Tufesa, <http://www.tufesa.com.mx>, runs air conditioned buses with restrooms on a route between Phoenix and Culiacan, Sinaloa. Stops include Hermosillo, Guaymas and Los Mochis.
- Transportes Intercalifornias, <http://www.transportesintercalifornias.com>, connects Los Angeles and other points in California with Tijuana and Mexicali.

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THE MAYAS ARE COMING TO THE WINDY CITY ***Chicago's IMAX Theater at Navy Pier to host 'Mystery of the Mayas'*** ***from June 18 to 24***

MEXICO CITY, June 15, 2007- Vote Chichen-Itza! In the spirit of driving the vote for the archaeological site as a new world wonder, the Mexico Tourism Board will be hosting the film "Mystery of the Mayas" at the IMAX Theater at Navy Pier in downtown Chicago from June 18 to 24. The film is open to the public and free of charge (subject to availability).

Filmed on location at numerous sacred sites throughout Mexico, the film explores the culture, science and history of the Mayan civilization. The story is told through a modern-day archaeologist and a young Mayan descendant who explores ruins and legends to unlock secrets of the past. "Mystery of the Maya" takes the audience through a breathtaking trip on Mayan culture and history.

Show times are Monday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, June 19, at 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, June 20, at 12:15 p.m.; Thursday, June 21, at 5:45 p.m.; Friday, June 22, at 9:45 p.m.; Saturday, June 23, at 9:45 p.m. and Sunday, June 24, at 3:00 p.m.. For tickets, please contact Erick Laseca via email at Erick.Laseca@bm.com, phone at 312-228-0517, ext. 14 or fax at 312-312-228-0515.

A voting station at the entrance of IMAX Theater at Navy Pier will enable visitors to vote for Chichen-Itza as one of the new seven wonders during the week-long showing. Voters will be eligible to win a free trip to Chichen-Itza, including roundtrip airfare and hotel accommodations for two.

"We are pleased to be sharing our Mexican culture and history with the Chicago community through this film," said Eduardo Chaillo, director of the Strategic Business Unit for the US and Canada for the Mexico Tourism Board. "Residents will be able to appreciate the Mayan culture and see why Chichen-Itza is worthy of becoming one of the new seven world wonders," he added.

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MEXICO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MPI WORLD EDUCATION CONGRESS IN MONTREAL

Mexico's meetings and conventions segment a US\$1.5 billion industry

MONTREAL, July 20, 2007— The Mexico Tourism Board will showcase its products in the business travel and meetings and conventions sector at the Meeting Professionals International (MPI) World Education Congress to be held from July 28th to 31st, 2007 at the Palais des congrès de Montréal.

More than 3,700 delegates are expected at this major industry gathering, which will give Mexico the opportunity to share the unparalleled amenities and services that Mexico offers to the business traveler and meeting planner. The 2007 edition of the Mexico Meetings and Incentives Guide will be unveiled during the show.

The world-class service that Mexico provides the international business community has helped rank the country 11th worldwide in number of hosted events, propelling Mexico's meetings and conventions sector into a US\$1.5 billion industry. Already at an all-time high, Mexico's business tourism segment shows no signs of slowing down, and instead expands faster than the global average.

"Few countries in the world can compete with the convenience, technology and infrastructure that our country offers business travelers," said Cesar Castañeda, director for the Mexico Tourism Board's Toronto and Montreal offices. "All throughout the planning steps of an event, Mexico presents practical and modern solutions that will help any meeting and incentive professional carry out a successful event," Castañeda added.

Makin' it easy for event planners

With online booking tools to a wide array of modern facilities, Mexico has spared no effort in facilitating event planning for international professionals. One of the most important tools is the Mexico Tourism Board's Meetings Online. This Web-based service allows meeting planners to review installations and available services in Mexico via the Internet by accessing the Meeting and Conventions section within the www.visitmexico.com site and completing a simple and brief registration.

Paying for events in Mexico is also easy on the wallet. Mexico has repealed the 15 percent value added tax for international meetings, expositions and conventions held in Mexico (10 percent in border states). The tax-free initiative covers venue rental, lodging,



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food and drinks inside the venues, airport/seaport/border transfers and trips between hotels and meeting places.

Also covered are related event services such as set-up, registration, masters of ceremonies, translators, hosts, audiovisual equipment, decoration, security and cleaning. All related services contracted up to two nights before and two nights after an event are eligible for the tax waiver.

Today Mexico offers an amazing variety of meeting options: 38 state-of-the-art convention centers in 25 cities, 26 destinations suited for incentive travel, over 245,000 hotel rooms for conventions, more than 500,000 square meters of event space and 58 international airports. Furthermore, Mexico boasts some of the most modern meeting centers in the world, featuring smart rooms fully equipped with audio, individual light systems, optical fiber, broadband internet and much more. In recent years, Mexico has hosted such prestigious conferences as the Organization of American States' Summit (Guadalajara, 2004) and the World Water Forum (Mexico City, 2006).

Mexico receives more than 21 million business and leisure travelers every year, ranking the country eight in international tourism arrivals worldwide.

The MPI World Education Congress will hold more than 100 content experts sharing their international perspective and valuable knowledge during 125+ educational sessions designed for all career levels. Attendees can choose from specialized professional development tracks like Small Business Owners, Sales and Marketing, Strategic Meetings Management, Novice Meeting Professionals, and Senior Meeting Professionals.

Meetings Professionals International, serving both meeting professionals and suppliers to the industry, is the largest association for the meeting profession with 20 thousand members in 68 chapters and clubs. It is also the world's largest association for the US\$122.3 billion meeting and event industry and is committed to positioning meetings and events as a key strategic component of an organization's success.

For more information about the World Travel Congress, please visit www.mpiweb.org.

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FRIDA KAHLO LIVES

***Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver to Showcase Activities Commemorating
Famous Mexican Artist's Life and Work***

MEXICO CITY, July 25, 2007—To celebrate the birthday of renowned Mexican artist Frida Kahlo, who would have turned 100 years old this month, the Mexico Tourism Board will be showcasing activities commemorating the famed Mexican artist.

On July 27 and 28, Frida look-alikes donning the braided hair, dark eyebrows and the richly-colored Mexican indigenous clothing favored by the artist will be appearing in high-traffic areas in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver, giving away colorful postcards featuring the artist's paintings and information about her and Mexico's other world-famous artists.

In Toronto/ PLEASE INSERT YOUR CITY INFORMATION, the gathering will be taking place at xxx from xx:xx a.m. to xx:xx p.m. Please contact your local Mexico Tourism Board office at PLEASE INSERT MAIN NUMBER OF OME.

Kahlo is one of the best-known painters of the 20th century, with her 1943 oil *Roots*, sold by Sotheby's in May 2006, commanding US\$5,616,000, the highest amount ever paid at auction for a Latin American work of art.

Kahlo's famous works found their inspiration in a tumultuous life punctuated by a childhood bout with polio, a trolley/bus accident that left her bedridden for months at a time throughout her life, a marriage to world-famous Mexican muralist painter Diego Rivera, and torrid love affairs with Bolshevik revolutionary Leon Trotsky and several women contemporaries. Her life and work were featured in several films, most recently 2002's *Frida* featuring Salma Hayak.

Several activities held in Mexico City this year in celebration of the centennial of Kahlo's birth offer Frida fans a great pretext to take a vacation south of the border. These include:

- an exhibition in August at the Frida Kahlo Museum located in Casa Azul, the house in the historic Coyoacan neighborhood where Kahlo was raised, of wardrobe items and letters from Diego Rivera; and
- the most comprehensive exhibit of her artwork ever, hosted in the city's Fine Arts Palace through August 19 and featuring 354 works on loan from several museums in the United States and Japan, in addition to manuscripts and letters never before displayed.

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.Michigan-based Tia Stephanie Tours will be offering a special "Frida Kahlo Anniversary Tour" August 10 to 17, including visits to the aforementioned exhibits as well as the National Museum of Anthropology, the floating gardens of Xochimilco, traditional tile factories in Puebla and Cholula and the Ballet Folklórico. For more information on the tour, visit www.tiastephanietours.com.

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